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Selectmen's Report.

1st. Received, Savings Bank tax,	\$3,104.00
Railroad tax,	283.58
Literary fund,	173.24
Insurance tax,	10.50
Support of county paupers,	405.58
State bounty on woodchucks,	42.40
Sale bridge timber,	12.00
Rent of house,	13.25
Highway tax in Dist. No. 30,	1.46
	—————\$4,046.01

Accounted for as follows :

Cash paid into town treasury, as per Treasurer's receipts,	\$4,046.01
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2d. The Selectmen are chargeable with orders drawn on the Town Treasurer, amounting to	\$12,250.71
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Which is accounted for as follows :

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Paid State tax,	2,476.00
County tax,	2,395.76
	—————\$4,871.76

SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Paid School District No. 1,	\$269.78
“ 2,	100.00
“ 3,	104.17
“ 4,	100.00
“ 5,	100.00
“ 6,	107.67

Paid School District No. 7,	144.72
“ 8,	100.00
“ 9,	100.00
“ 10,	320.69
“ 11,	110.00
“ 12,	100.00
“ 13,	100.00
“ 14,	100.00
“ 16,	100.00
“ 18,	18.00
“ 19,	100.00
“ 20,	180.85
“ 24,	80.00
	—————\$2,335.88

SUPPORT OF COUNTY PAUPERS.

Assistance rendered Betsy B. Gage,	\$70.50
Gould Brown and fam- ily,	149.99
Mrs. E. F. Getchell,	17.00
Newman L. Green,	41.25
Chas. George's family,	10.09
Shurtlief children,	36.00
J. C. Rowe,	9.25
Valorores Brown's fam- ily,	11.50
Meriam B. Sargent,	52.00
Mrs. Eugene Bailey,	6.00
Mrs. Moses Keser,	2.00
	—————\$405.58

TOWN PAUPERS.

Assistance rendered S. B. Bohonan,	\$68.50
Kate Hadley,	130.00
	—————\$198.50

BOUNTY ON WOODCHUCKS.

Paid H. C. Dustin,	\$14.60	
H. H. Crowell,	10.00	
L. H. Dearborn,	4.40	
John A. Fuller,	13.40	
	<hr/>	\$42.40

DAMAGE BY DOGS.

Paid Perley W. Beck, for sheep killed,	\$20.00	
Henry D. Dustin, “	9.00	
George Symonds, “	4.00	
H. H. Crowell, “	3.00	
T. J. Weeks, “	6.00	
	<hr/>	\$42.00

SCHOOL HOUSE TAXES.

Paid District No. 4, for repairs,	\$15.00	
“ 7, in part for tax of 1876,	29.00	
“ 20, for repairs,	135.00	
	<hr/>	\$179.00

ROAD MACHINE.

Paid C. E. Little,	\$472.50
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ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid H. H. Crowell, abatements on lists of		
1878, '79 and '80,	\$32.73	
L. H. Dearborn, abatements on lists of		
1883 and '84,	37.20	
John G. Patch, abatement on list of		
1885,	106.04	
	<hr/>	\$175.97

REPAIRS ON TYLER'S BRIDGE.

Paid A. H. Currier, freight on stone,	\$78.98
J. H. Dowlin, for work,	207.00

Paid Harvey Chase, for lumber,	143.89
L. H. Dearborn, for labor,	24.00
Geo. F. Maxfield, "	23.75
Cyrus F. Chase, "	22.00
H. H. Crowell, "	57.00
Joseph Derry, mending chains,	1.30
G. A. Curtice, for spikes and nails,	3.92
Benj. T. Putney, for stone,	37.00
S. F. Patterson, for material and labor,	89.63
C. E. Little, for drawing derrick,	3.00
Walter C. Ager, for labor,	101.65
W. M. Kempton, "	20.00
H. Courser, for shingles and labor,	7.00
N. C. Chase, for labor,	7.75
G. A. Stevens, "	22.00
J. Dinsmore, "	16.25
H. C. Dustin, "	170.25
C. A. Milton, "	8.75
F. J. Mudgett, blacksmith work,	7.65
Philip F. Clough, "	6.50
E. S. Richardson, gravel for grading,	5.00
Benj. Flanders, for labor,	26.75
	<hr/> \$1,091.02

REPAIRING HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Joseph Barnard, labor on culvert,	
Dist. 31,	\$20.00
S. W. Perry, labor on highway,	
Dist. 19,	7.80
James M. Hook, labor on highway,	
Dist. 18,	20.00
Elijah Spencer, labor on highway,	
Dist. 34,	3.16
Ambrose Chase, labor on intervale	
road,	1.00

Paid F. W. Morgan, labor on highway, Dist. 25,	8.07
Samuel A. Hardy, labor on highway, Dist. 20,	5.03
George B. Hardy, labor on highway, Dist. 3,	14.60
Nelson A. Chase, labor on highway, Dist. 2,	14.93
Anson White, labor on new road bridge,	5.25
G. A. Stevens, labor and sand, high- way, Dist. 2,	109.25
L. H. Dearborn, labor and spikes for new road bridge,	7.37
Geo. F. Maxfield, labor on highway, Dist. 39,	1.25
J. C. Rowe, labor on highway, Dist. 39,	1.25
Charles E. Little, labor on highway, Dist. 51 and 3,	31.00
N. C. Chase, labor on highway, Dist. 51,	4.05
George Hastings, labor on highway, Dist. 51,	3.75
C. F. Clough, labor on highway, Dist. 51,	3.75
Frank Johnson, labor on highway, Dist. 51,	3.75
J. M. Hook, labor on highway, Dist. 51,	7.50
Wm. Abbott, labor on highway, Dist. 51,	3.75
H. A. Brown, labor on highway, Dist. 51,	3.75
F. E. Downing, labor on highway, Dist. 51,	3.75

Paid M. Ellenwood, labor on highway,	
Dist. 29,	3.00
T. B. Eastman, labor on highway,	
Dist. 51,	2.50
Geo. E. Merrill, labor on highway,	
Dist. 35,	4.58
H. C. Dustin, labor on highway,	
Dist. 3,	3.00
Bryant Symonds, labor on highway,	
Dist. 47,	21.25
Elijah Spencer, labor on highway,	
Dist. 52,	.25
Andrew Symonds, labor on highway,	
Dist. 47,	1.20
H. H. Crowell, labor on highway,	
Dist. 41,	2.00
Mary P. Clough, material for repairs,	
Dist. 11,	3.00
	————— \$324.79

BREAKING ROADS.

Paid Frank W. Paige,	in Dist. No. 35,	\$11 90
W. H. Flanders,	" 29,	8.64
J. Frank Hoyt,	" 12,	2.80
James M. Hook,	" 18,	10.17
S. W. Perry,	" 19,	4.35
F. W. Morgan,	" 25,	9.57
S. A. Hardy,	" 15&20,	17.55
E. H. Edmunds,	" 32,	14.57
W. B. Whittemore,	" 11,	3.31
Geo. K. Goodrich,	" 38,	6.15
W. L. Moulton,	" 8,	23.26
Geo. W. Elliott,	" 1&43,	35.55
J. W. Bohonan	" 9,	6.88
Moses E. Dodge,	" 12,	5.60
George E. Foss,	" 1,	10.52

Paid Forest Colby,	in Dist. No. 53,	17.74	
H. J. Chandler,	" 7,	7.29	
H. E. Clough,	" 5,	16.01	
J. F. Gleason,	" 34,	25.28	
Horace Straw,	" 26,	23.40	
E. G. Runnells,	" 37,	7.32	
R. T. Gould,	" 30,	5.47	
H. P. Dunbar,	" 17,	4.16	
Melvin Colby,	" 36,	45.30	
Joshua Downing,	" 33,	20.08	
John S. Straw,	" 24,	9.25	
C. F. Clough,	" 51,	6.25	
Nathan Thompson,	" 15,	1.59	
Lewis Childs,	" 16,	2.65	
L. K. Parsons,	" 13,	5.36	
H. J. Chase.	" 47,	4.00	
George Hilan,	" 39,	8.80	
T. B. Jones, Jr.,	" 30,	1.72	
H. B. A. Boutwell,	" 52,	1.33	
			<hr/> \$383.82

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid H. D. Dustin, money paid as bounty	
on woodchucks, (omitted 1884),	\$2.50
H. D. Dustin, money paid on account	
transient paupers,	4.50
L. H. Dearborn, postage and sta-	
tionery,	2.50
L. H. Dearborn, non resident highway	
tax paid in labor,	3.96
Aaron Smith, board of auditors,	3.50
E. S. Richardson, books used for	
town purposes,	1.02
H. W. Greene, professional services	
for the year 1884,	25.00

Paid G. H. H. Silsby & Son, books and stationery furnished the town,	39.88
Mary H. Goodhue, over tax,	7.68
F. J. Mudgett, repairs on road machine,	1.95
Porter Duffer, snowing bridges,	10.00
G. A. Libby, lighting bridge at Con-toocook,	7.00
H. S. Chase, printing town reports,	100.00
G. A. Libby, keeping tramp,	.50
L. F. Spofford, services as constable,	5.00
L. F. Spofford, notifying town officers,	10.00
E. S. Richardson, keeping tramp,	.75
E. S. Richardson, services as selectman after settlement,	1.50
H. D. Dustin, services as selectman after settlement,	10.70
W. S. Wells, error in tax,	.96
C. E. Little, repairs on road machine,	7.00
J. M. Morrill, appropriation for soldiers' graves,	50.00
W. F. Hoyt, 2 pairs whiffletrees for road machine,	6.00
H. H. Crowell, wood furnished for town house,	4.50
F. C. Mills, sawing wood for town house,	1.25
H. H. Crowell, lumber for new cemetery fence,	23.43
Ira C. Evans, printing tax bills,	2.50
John A. Fuller, taking depositions,	1.00
John A. Fuller, services at sale of resident tax,	1.00
H. C. Dustin, copying inventory and writing collector's book,	16.00

Paid G. A. Stevens, rent of land for tramp house,	1.50
Geo. B. Hardy, labor in cemetery at Contoocook,	3.75
Geo. H. Pierce, snowing bridge on Henniker road,	5.00
John A. Fuller, taking depositions,	2.00
Westley J. Chase, clearing cemetery, at Contoocook,	5.00
G. A. Curtice, material for drain in Dist. No. 13,	78.17
George Tyler, sections and points for road machine,	34.00
John M. Milton, clearing cemetery at Blackwater,	2.00
J. E. Putnam, for Syphon Engine Company,	109.00
A. B. Wadsworth, sewer inlets for Contoocook Village,	46.00
G. A. Curtice, pipe, cement and bricks for sewer, Dist. No. 2,	147.20
J. L. Gerrish, use of stone lifter and man in Dist. No. 3,	3.25
H. C. Dustin, drawing plank for culvert, Dist. No. 19,	2.00
E. C. Cole, printing and advertising,	1.00
G. W. Currier, gravel for repairs in Dist. No. 47,	2.00
W. A. Baker, board of help in Dist. No. 3,	1.50
Moses Story, labor on new cemetery fence,	29.75
Isaac Story, interest on Lerner legacy,	30.00
H. S. Chase, printing notices,	4.50
H. F. Edmunds, services as tramp police,	6.50

Paid F. H. Carr, plank for Henniker new bridge,	22.60
E. B. Dunbar, clearing cemetery in Lower Village,	5.25
Joanna R. Holmes, maintaining watering trough,	2.00
Elijah Spencer, maintaining watering trough,	3.00
Charles French, maintaining watering trough,	3.00
A. C. Sargent, maintaining watering trough,	3.00
Kimball & Co., nails for new cemetery fence,	1.84
A. H. Currier, freight on extra parts road machine,	.49
James Dinsmore, sink for Jane Walker's house,	4.00
Oscar N. Chase, keeping 19 tramps,	9.50
John A. Fuller, return marriages, births and deaths,	18.45
Geo. C. Blaisdell, return births and deaths,	4.75
J. W. Wilson, return births and deaths,	2.75
G. H. Powers, return births and deaths,	3.75
Alexander Rogers, return births and deaths,	2.00
John A. Fuller, Town Clerk, cash paid for return births and deaths,	2.00
H. H. Crowell, assistance rendered tramps,	2.50
H. H. Crowell, cash paid for taking deposition,	.50
L. H. Dearborn, stove, pipe and wood for tramp house,	3.19
L. H. Dearborn, horse hire,	10.00

Paid H. H. Crowell, horse hire,	10.00
H. C. Dustin, "	15.00
H. H. Crowell, lock on hearse house,	.35
H. C. Dustin, postage and stationery,	4.72
John A. Fuller, postage and stationery,	2.85
John A. Fuller, drawing and notifying jurors,	5.10
John A. Fuller, services at sale of non resident taxes,	1.00
John G. Patch, printing copies collector's warrant,	4.50
John G. Patch, postage and stationery,	2.62
John G. Patch, non resident highway tax, paid in labor,	9.32
H. W. Green, for services of auditors,	9.00
L. D. Evans, record of selectmen's accounts and writing town reports,	12.00
	<hr/> \$1,046.73

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid John G. Patch, collector,	100.00
Isaac D. Merrill, treasurer,	50.00
John A. Fuller, clerk,	38.29
Herbert C. Dustin, selectman,	160.00
Henry H. Crowell, "	103.00
Lewis H. Dearborn, "	116.00
E. G. Kimball, S. S. Committee,	27.50
W. E. Waterbury, "	26.00
Charles Hardon, "	37.55
F. I. Morrill, supervisor,	7.50
E. A. Boutwell, "	7.50
E. G. Runnells, "	7.50
	<hr/> \$680.84

SUMMARY.

State and County taxes.	\$4,871.76
School Districts,	2,335.88
Support county paupers,	405.58
Support town paupers,	198.50
Bounty on woodchucks,	42.40
Dog damage,	42.00
School house repairs,	179.00
Road machine,	472.50
Abatement of taxes,	175.97
Repairs on Tyler's bridge,	1,091.02
Repairing highways and bridges,	324.71
Breaking roads,	383.82
Miscellaneous,	1,046.73
Town Officers,	680.84
	————— \$12,250.71

The auditors certify that they have carefully examined the foregoing accounts of the selectmen, and find them properly balanced and correctly cast.

HERMAN W. GREEN, }
G. A. CURTICE, } *Auditors.*

AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE TOWN TREASURER.

Isaac D. Merrill, in account with the town of Hopkinton;
as treasurer for the year 1885:

Feb. 25, 1886.

Cash on hand as per settlement March	
1, 1885,	\$1,373.32
Cash received of H. H. Crowell, 1878,	
'79 and '80,	\$32.73
Cash received of L. H. Dearborn, taxes,	
1883 and '84,	1,092.40
Cash received of John G. Patch, tax	
1885,	11,656.00
Cash received for highway tax Dist.	
No. 20,	1.46
Cash received for savings bank tax,	3,104.00
railroad tax,	283.58
literary fund,	173.24
insurance tax,	10.50
bounty on woodchucks,	42.40
support county pau-	
pers,	405.58
interest on Larned	
legacy,	30.00
house rent,	13.25
sale bridge timber,	12.00
interest on taxes,	
L. H. Dearborn,	24.39
interest on taxes,	
John G. Patch,	18.46
	<hr/> \$16,899.99
	<hr/> \$18,273.31

Accounted for as follows:

Orders drawn by selectmen,	\$12,283.20	
Bond coupons paid,	432.00	
Bonds redeemed,	3,200.00	
Interest on bonds redeemed,	53.00	
Cash on hand Feb. 25, 1886,	2,305.11	
	<hr/>	\$18,273.31

LERNED LEGACY ACCOUNT.

Securities on hand March 1, 1885,	\$500.00	
Interest collected,	30.00	
	<hr/>	\$530.00

Accounted for as follows:

Securities on hand March 1, 1886,	\$500.00	
Interest carried to cash account,	30.00	
	<hr/>	\$530.00

The auditors certify that the foregoing account of the treasurer is properly vouched and correctly cast.

HERMAN W. GREEN,	} <i>Auditors.</i>
G. A. CURTICE,	
LEWIS D. EVANS,	

HOPKINTON, N. H., February 25th, 1886.

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

Feb. 25, 1886.

Bonds outstanding,	\$4,100.00
Taxes, uncollected list 1872-3,	\$17.80
" 1874-5,	29.43
" 1876-7,	39.78
" 1878-9-'80,	68.38
" 1884,	221.56
" 1885,	488.09
Cash in hands of treasurer,	2,305.11
	<hr/> \$3,170.15
Liabilities over assets,	<hr/> \$929.85

HERBERT C. DUSTIN,	}	<i>Selectmen</i>
HENRY H. CROWELL,		<i>of</i>
LEWIS H. DEARBORN,		<i>Hopkinton.</i>

HOPKINTON, Feb. 25th, 1886.

Report of the Superintending School Committee.

DISTRICT NO. 1.—HOPKINTON VILLAGE.

Spring and fall terms, Mrs. H. Marion Edmunds, teacher. Mrs. Edmunds was evidently interested in the welfare of her pupils, and endeavored to form in the minds of those under her instruction the habit of self-control and of right acting from principle. The winter term was taught by Mr. E. Harvey Edmunds. As heretofore Mr. Edmunds emphasized the study of mathematics, and the examinations showed that the scholars had made rapid progress, and with a good degree of thoroughness. Special enthusiasm was shown by the school in spelling, the zeal of the scholars being stimulated by the judicious offering of prizes. A pleasing feature of examination day was the number of parents and friends present. Both Mr. and Mrs. Edmunds have fully sustained their past record as teachers of experience and ability.

DISTRICT NO. 2.—EMERSON'S HILL.

Two terms, Miss Lizzie A. Fogg, teacher. The good order and studiousness of the children were observable throughout the year. There was a good drill in reading. Penmanship was daily attended to. There was painstaking in arithmetic. Geography was well learned and was recited by topic. The condition of the school-room and the personal comfort of the children were carefully attended to by the teacher. The general results of the year's schooling were very satisfactory. H.

DISTRICT NO. 3.—HATFIELD.

This district very wisely secured the services of Miss S. Clara White as teacher for the summer term. This was her third year in the district; consequently teacher and scholars met ready for work, without the usual delay caused by a change of teachers. Particular attention was given to correct pronunciation and empha-

sis in reading, and good improvement made in this and all other studies. Register perfect. As Miss White was unable to teach in the winter, Mrs. Luella E. Pierce was engaged for that term, and although we missed some of the larger scholars who were attending the High school at Warner, the examinations showed that those who remained had been cared for by an earnest and faithful teacher, and that the interest was well maintained. Register slightly imperfect. K.

DISTRICT NO. 4.—SUGAR HILL.

Miss Hattie M. Hodgdon, teacher for the year. This was Miss Hodgdon's second year in this district, and the result showed the wisdom of keeping the same teacher for a number of terms in succession. The best of feeling existed between teacher and scholars. The instruction was characterized by good, practical common sense, which secured the attention of the scholars and interested them in their studies. Register imperfect. K.

DISTRICT NO. 5.—SOUTH ROAD.

Miss Ava L. Hammond, teacher for the year. Miss Hammond is an earnest, faithful teacher, and labored hard and well to promote the interests of her scholars. The instruction was practical and thorough. The scholars were interested and studious, and the result was a pleasant and profitable school. Daily lessons were given in vocal music. The register was perfect. K.

DISTRICT NO. 6.—JEWETT ROAD.

Miss M. Abbie Colby, teacher for the year. We believe Miss Colby has labored faithfully to promote the best interests of those under her care. That which detracted somewhat from the progress of the school, especially during the last term, was irregular attendance on the part of some of the pupils. The closing examination showed that most of the pupils had done excellent work. W.

DISTRICT NO. 7.—MAIN ROAD.

Excellent progress has been made during both terms of the year under the increasingly efficient instruction of Miss Helen Gould. The attachment of both parents and pupils to the teacher was something pleasant to behold. This school contains some of the most

advanced scholars in town. The best of work was done both in the higher and lower branches. W.

DISTRICT NO. 8.—BEACH HILL.

We congratulate the parents of this district in having been able to continue the services of Miss Eva Burnham during the year. All the work of both terms was characterized by thoroughness, and the examinations were especially satisfactory. Miss Burnham has given considerable attention to oral instruction, and in this the pupils manifested a lively interest. The discipline was of the very best. W.

DISTRICT NO. 9.—TYLER'S.

One term only, Miss Stella Holmes, teacher. The school opened with three pupils, but at the close of the first month several scholars came in from a neighboring district. The closing examinations were entirely satisfactory, showing that the term had been one of faithful work on the part of both pupils and teacher. W.

DISTRICT NO. 10.—CONTOOCOOK.

Summer and fall terms, Flora E. Clough, teacher. We were pleased to see a very respectful attention during devotional exercises. Affectionate relations seemed to exist between the teacher and all the pupils. Arithmetic seemed well understood. Reading was good but positions during the reading were not so good. Geography and grammar were recited by topics, not by questions. Great care was taken to follow out all suggestions made by the committee. Winter term, George H. Dodge, teacher. The school was large, some being in attendance from outside the district. The task of the teacher was a great one and we were glad to find him so nearly equal to it. We feared at one time that the enforcement of the rules of the school, which is comparatively easy with small scholars, would be somewhat relaxed in the case of larger ones. We were happy, however, to find this fear to have less occasion than we at first supposed. We think that in the main the term was a successful one, and that the work done was reasonably satisfactory. This report necessarily precedes our visit at the examination, but we anticipate that the examination itself will be creditable to both teacher and pupils. H.

DISTRICT NO. 11.—CLEMENT'S HILL.

Summer term, Miss Nettie M. Richardson, teacher. The school showed much facility in blackboard work and in the answering of general questions, these not being confined to the mere routine of the books. Very pleasant relations existed and continued between the teacher and pupils, and we believe all were pleased and satisfied with the work accomplished. This was Miss Richardson's first experience in teaching.

Winter term, Miss Mary I. Kilborn, teacher. Much exactness and thorough system were insisted upon. The teacher aimed to make all instruction practical. The blackboard and the moulding-table were in constant requisition. Much general information was acquired. The examination was conducted by topics. There was an unusual number of large scholars, and they deserve much credit for their coöperation with the teacher in making the school, as it was, an eminently profitable one. H.

DISTRICT NO. 12.—STUMPFIELD.

Miss Sadie Hazeltine, teacher of summer term. Miss Hazeltine was faithful in imparting instruction to her pupils, and succeeded in maintaining good order. There was no whispering during the term. Register perfect.

Winter term, Henry Dodge, teacher. At our first visit we found two scholars; at the last visit there were five. We were well pleased with the appearance of the school. The classes reviewed well, especially those in arithmetic. Register perfect. K.

DISTRICT NO. 13.—PUTNEY HILL.

Miss Lizzie B. Rogers, teacher for the year. We found here a quiet but earnest teacher, who has had a long experience in teaching and with a genuine love for her work, which always ensures success. The closing examinations were satisfactory to all who were present, and showed that good work had been done by both teacher and scholars. The register was nicely filled out, with only one item omitted. K.

DISTRICT NO. 14.—GAGE HILL.

Summer term, Miss Gertrude E. Farnham, teacher. Miss Farnham is very practical and somewhat peculiar in her methods of

teaching. She evidently believes in going to the bottom of things, and not only requires her scholars to tell how a thing is done, but to give a reason for it. We think it was a profitable term to the three bright scholars who composed the school. Register imperfect.

The number of scholars for the winter term was increased by the attendance of two boys from an adjoining district, and under the well directed efforts of Miss Etta Brockway as teacher, commendable progress was made in all the studies pursued. Singing was taught by a short lesson every morning. Register imperfect. K.

DISTRICT NO. 16.—WEST HOPKINTON.

Summer term, Miss Mabel F. Shedd, teacher. This was Miss Shedd's first school. It was conducted with a good degree of energy and showed good results in recitations. There were only seven scholars,—hardly enough to create much enthusiasm, but everything seemed to go quietly along, and there was a good term's work done both by the teacher and her pupils.

Winter term, Mr. Warren B. Barton, teacher. The work of the school did not seem to be rapid, but steady. There was order but no unnecessary show of discipline. The material of this school is good. There was a commendable readiness in answering. There was a large number of classes in proportion to the number of scholars, but this seemed unavoidable. H.

DISTRICT NO. 18.—BUSWELL'S CORNER.

One term, Miss Grace D. Holmes, teacher. The school began with five scholars, three of whom were irregular in attendance and left before the end of the term. There was no lack of effort on the part of the teacher to interest and benefit them all. The two who remained to the end made good progress in all their studies, and had a profitable term. H.

DISTRICT NO. 19.—BLACKWATER.

Summer term, Miss Helen M. Lowe, teacher. Care was shown for ventilation and the general welfare and comfort of the scholars. We noticed a decided improvement in the general appearance of the school over previous terms. Miss Lowe has had a long experience in this school, and her services were deservedly, no doubt,

regarded with much favor by many in the district. We think her last term was her best one, and that the general work of the term on the part of teacher and scholars was to a good degree satisfactory.

Fall term, Miss Mary I. Kilborn, teacher. Weekly reports of deportment, attendance and scholarship were sent to parents. A good understanding of the studies pursued was insisted upon and attained. The work of the school was done in a prompt and rapid manner. The introduction of new methods and means, with enthusiasm on the part of the teacher, naturally produced a new interest on the part of the scholars. H.

DISTRICT NO. 20.—NORTH CONTOOCOOK.

Three terms, Ida J. Hardy, teacher. This school was characterized through the year, as it seemed to us, by discipline without the show of discipline, system, a quiet insistence by the teacher on having things right, and a thorough learning by the pupils of certain definite things. We would never ask that either teacher or pupils should work harder. The value of thorough Normal school training and methods was shown by a worthy example.

DISTRICT NO. 24.—FARRINGTON'S CORNER.

First term, Miss Etta B. Brockway, teacher. The school was composed almost entirely of young pupils. Special prominence was given to Normal methods and with excellent success. The school was characterized by devotion of teacher and scholars to each other, and by enthusiasm in the work.

Second term taught by Arthur J. Boutwell. Mr. Boutwell began the school under rather discouraging circumstances, but he bravely faced the difficulties and proved himself faithful even in that which was least. The examinations showed that the pupils had done good work. W.

The condition of the schools of the town of Hopkinton during the past year compares very favorably indeed with that of former years. None of them have been poor, and some of them have shown a decided superiority over those in the past. The small ones have done well considering the fewness of the scholars, as it is difficult to awaken or maintain interest where there are but two

or three. But few unpleasant things have come to our knowledge, and none which have occasioned any interruption in the regular progress of the schools.

As a general thing the parents have not manifested their interest by visiting the schools either during their progress or at their close so much as the proper encouragement of the teachers and the highest interest of the pupils would make necessary. We have been happy to note, however, some worthy exceptions in this respect. Our whole experience and observation in connection with the schools tend to emphasize in our mind the importance of securing the services as teachers of those who have been trained not only in the branches taught, but in the theory and practice of teaching as well. A reduction in the number of schools would give opportunity for improvement in this respect; and though this might seem to work somewhat of hardship in individual cases, no doubt the general welfare would be greatly promoted, and our children be much better prepared to meet the requirements of our own times.

ELBRIDGE G. KIMBALL,
WILLARD E. WATERBURY, } School
CHARLES HARDON, } Committee.

Hopkinton, Feb. 27, 1886.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of District.	No. at School during year.	Wages of Teachers per month.	TEACHERS.	No. of terms.	No. of weeks.	No. of pupils.	Reading.	Spelling.	Writing.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	History.	Algebra.	Other Studies.
1	40	28.00	H. Marion Edmunds.	1	9	24	24	24	12	20	12	2	1		
		32.00	" "	2	9	29	29	29	12	20	12	4	1		
		40.00	E. Harvey Edmunds.	3	14	33	28	28	20	27	10	5			2
2	12	20.00	Lizzie A. Fogg.	1	8	11	11	11	9	11	8				1
		20.00	" "	2	10.4	12	12	12	10	12	8	1			1
3	16	20.00	S. Clara White.	1	8	15	15	12	9	11	6	3	3	3	
		24.00	Luella E. Pierce.	2	11	11	11	11	8	9	6	2	1	1	
4	12	22.00	Hattie M. Hodgdon.	1	8	8	8	8	8	7	6	2			1
		22.00	" "	2	10	12	12	12	9	9	8	3			2
5	6	21.00	Eva L. Hammond.	1	7	6	6	6	4	6	3	5		1	2
		21.00	" "	2	11	6	6	6	4	6	3				7
6	20	20.00	M. Abbie Colby.	1	7	11	11	11	8	8	6				
		20.00	" "	2	13	20	20	20	18	17	8	1			
7	18	24.00	Helen A. Gould.	1	9	16	16	16	16	13	7	3	3		2
		24.00	" "	2	15	15	15	15	15	14	6	3	3		6
8	14	18.00	Eva F. Burnham.	1	7	11	11	11	6	7	5	1		1	2
		20.00	" "	2	11.6	13	13	12	12	12	5	2			5
9	10	24.00	J. Stella Holmes.	1	15	10	10	10	10	9	9	5	4	1	4
10	45	26.00	Flora E. Clough.	1	10	28	28	28	28	26	10	2	1	3	1
		28.00	" "	2	12	27	27	27	27	24	17	3			
		44.00	George H. Dodge.	3	12	33	33	32	10	32	19	12	6	5	16
11	14	20.00	Nettie M. Richardson.	1	9	11	11	11	6	9	7	4			1
		23.00	Mary I. Kilborn.	2	9	11	11	11	9	9	9	3	9	1	2
12	5	16.00	Sadie A. Hazeltine.	1	8	1	1	1	1	1	1				
		20.00	Henry Dodge.	2	12.4	5	5	5	5	5	4	1			1
13	11	20.00	Lizzie B. Rogers.	1	9	9	9	9	8	8	6	5		3	7
		24.00	" "	2	9	11	11	11	10	7	3	6		4	8
14	7	20.00	Gertrude E. Farnham.	1	9	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	1		6
		20.00	Etta B. Brockway.	2	11	7	7	7	7	7	7	5			10
16	13	18.00	Mabel F. Shedd.	1	8	7	7	6	3	5	3	1			
		24.00	Warren B. Barton.	2	10.6	12	12	12	7	11	6	3	1	1	3
18	5	20.00	Grace D. Holmes.	1	10	5	5	5	5	5	4				
19	17	20.00	Helen M. Low.	1	8	11	11	11	8	7	4	2	1		1
		24.00	Mary I. Kilborn.	2	10	17	17	12	13	11	6	6	3	1	8
20	33	28.00	Ida J. Hardy.	1	10	23	23	23	23	16	14	10	5		8
		28.00	" "	2	10.2	28	28	28	28	19	16	6	5		9
		28.00	" "	3	5	28	28	28	28	22	15	8	6		11
24	6	18.00	Etta B. Brockway.	1	8	6	6	6	2	6	3	1	1		8
		28.00	Arthur J. Boutwell.	2	11.4	4	3	3	2	3					

